

## STILLWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

**Notice:** These minutes reflect the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners. The official minutes are on file with the Clerk and Recorder MCA 7-4-2611(2)(b).

### REGULAR MEETING - December 24, 2019

**PRESENT** Commissioners Mark Crago, Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, Commissioner Shupak; Heidi Stadel Clerk and Recorder, Joe Morse Human resources/ Finance, Carol Arkell DES, Shirlee Keffer, and Perry Helt

**PLEDGE** Commissioner Crago opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES** December 17, 2019 Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

**CLAIMS** #103853- #103971 in the amount of \$534,311.80 Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the Claims presented. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

##### Commissioners

- A) Olness and Associates Audit Amendment
- B) Letter to Montana Department of Commerce Closing Out Big Sky Trust Fund Grant for Montana Silversmiths

##### Road and Bridge

- A) Great West Engineering Spring Creek Rd and Valley Creek Rd Pay Application #1
- B) Great West Engineering Ingersoll Bridge Pay Application #2

## FILE ITEMS

### Treasurer

#### A) Cash report June

Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to file the File items and Consent to the Consent items.  
Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

## REGULAR BUSINESS

### Road and Bridge

A) Resolution 2019-53 Road Fund Budget Amendment for Payoff of Road Grader Leases  
Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve Resolution 2019-53. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion: Shirlee Keffer inquired if the final payment meant the County now owns the Graders? Commissioner Crago explained that it is merely a procedural process moving from one lease to the new lease. Ms. Keffer then asked how many Graders the County now has on lease? Commissioner Crago stated that there continues to be eight. Motion passed unanimously.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Perry Helt Requested action be taken by the Human Resources Department in regards to the recent resignations of 2 Library employees. Mr. Helt explained that he is a patron of the library and inquired may have resulted in the recent abrupt resignations of two librarians. He went on to ask the Counties policy regarding kids and childcare, and if there is no flexibility with children in the workplace. Mr. Helt is asking the County to Grant library for discretionary childcare and would like the Board to give it strong consideration. His further concern is the what he considers a smear campaign against former employee Brooke Weiss. Mr. Helt stated that he had contacted the Library Board and has received no response or answers to his questions and believes that the Board is the ones behind all of this. Mr. Helt stated that he is disappointed the Board is using hard ball tactics like this. This is Close to the edge of a lawsuit. He believes that is was handled improperly but would like to thank the Commissioners for hearing him out he feels this is important.

Shirlee Keffer stated that she was present at the Library Board meeting and the resignations we personnel issues. Mrs. Keffer stated she feels it would be inappropriate to bring an infant to work.

Mrs. Keffer then read the following statement in regards to another County business:

Do not move the Fairgrounds at this time in order to build County Office Complex at this location.

Focus on using the current COURTHOUSE property for any additional space. The East side and part of the front.

I read the proposed position for a representative/construction manager. This means if approved, the County government will grow by one employee. Don't see a salary and if this is a temporary or permanent position.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Hearing no further business, Commissioner Crago adjourned the regular meeting at 9:11 a.m.

APPROVED BY: /s/ Mark Crago, Commissioner Chairman

ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder